

In re the Application of: <b>Kenneth J. Ouimet</b>	Date: <b>31 July 2003</b>
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## PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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Sir:

The accompanying 37 CFR 1.53(b) Application is a continuation of Parent Application: Serial No. 09/951,334, filed 10 September 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/084,156, filed May 21, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,308,162, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,948, filed May 21, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,826, filed May 21, 1997. The Parent Application (Serial No. 09/951,334) will NOT be abandoned.

### For the Specification

The specification in the 37 CFR 1.53(b) Continuation Application was modified by adding a sentence in paragraph [0001] of the "RELATED INVENTIONS" section indicating that the present application is a continuation of its parent application, Serial No. 09/951,334. In addition, the specification was modified in the paragraphs [0009], [0010], [0021], [0032], [0051], [0069],